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## **RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN PENNSYLVANIA UP 9 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER**

**HARRISBURG ---** Commercial red meat production in the state during November 1999 totaled 106.4 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 9 percent from November 1998, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 108.6 million pounds live weight, was up 2 percent from November 1998. Total head slaughtered was 87,400. Live weight averaged 1,242 pounds, a decrease of 16 pounds from last year. Veal production slaughter was 4.9 million pounds live weight, 2 percent more than a year ago. Calf slaughter of 15,100 head was up less than 1 percent; average live weight increased 5 pounds to 323 pounds.

Pork production, at 59.1 million pounds live weight, was up 20 percent from November 1998. Total head slaughtered was 240,500, up 18 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 5 pounds to 246 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production was 468,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 4,900, down 8 percent from November of last year. The average live weight decreased 7 pounds to 95 pounds from November 1998.

**Nationally**, commercial red meat production for November totaled 3.89 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 4 percent from the previous record high for November set in 1995 and up 5 percent from the 3.72 billion pounds produced in November 1998. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.15 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from the previous record high for November set in 1995 and 7 percent above a year ago. Veal production, at 19.0 million pounds, was 2 percent below the previous record low for November set a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous record high for November set last year. Lamb and mutton production, at 22.0 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 1998.